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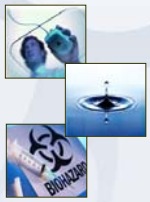

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Canadian Integrated Outbreak Surveillance Centre (CIOSC) - Public Health Alerts -

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The Canadian Network for Public Health Intelligence (CNPHI)

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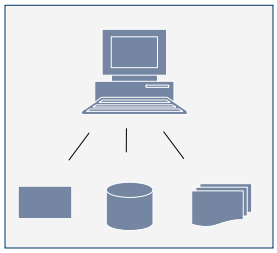
Background and Outline of CNPHI

Early Challenges

Data Exchange:

- Location:
  - *Distributed across multiple jurisdictions*
- Format:
  - *Inaccessible (e.g.paper-based, legacy systems)*
- Standards:
  - *Few exist*
- Ownership:
  - *Few formal agreements*



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Background and Outline of CNPHI

Goals and Scope

A pan-Canadian, integrated system of secure, web-based applications designed to:

- *Enhance and support multi-jurisdictional epidemiology and laboratory data sharing and collaboration activities,*
- *Enhance health surveillance activities, and*
- *Maintain and respect jurisdictional responsibilities*

CNPHI operates under the *Public Health Agency of Canada:*

- *Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention & Control (CIDPC),*
- *National Microbiology Laboratory (NML)*

AND

Federal / Provincial / Territorial partners and stakeholders through a "program-driven" process".

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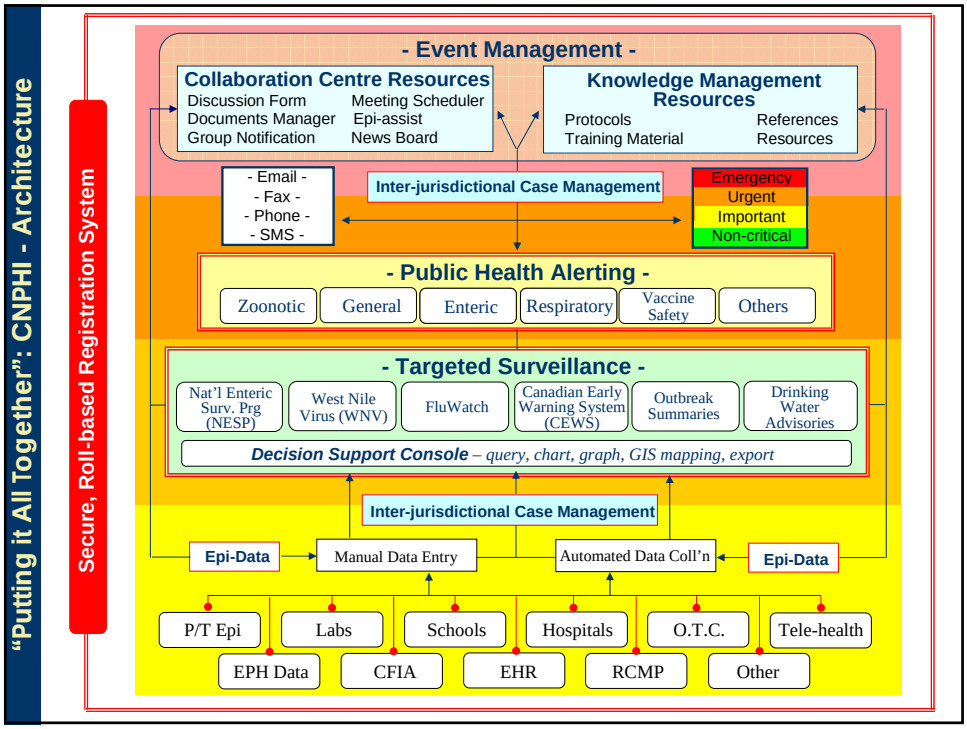
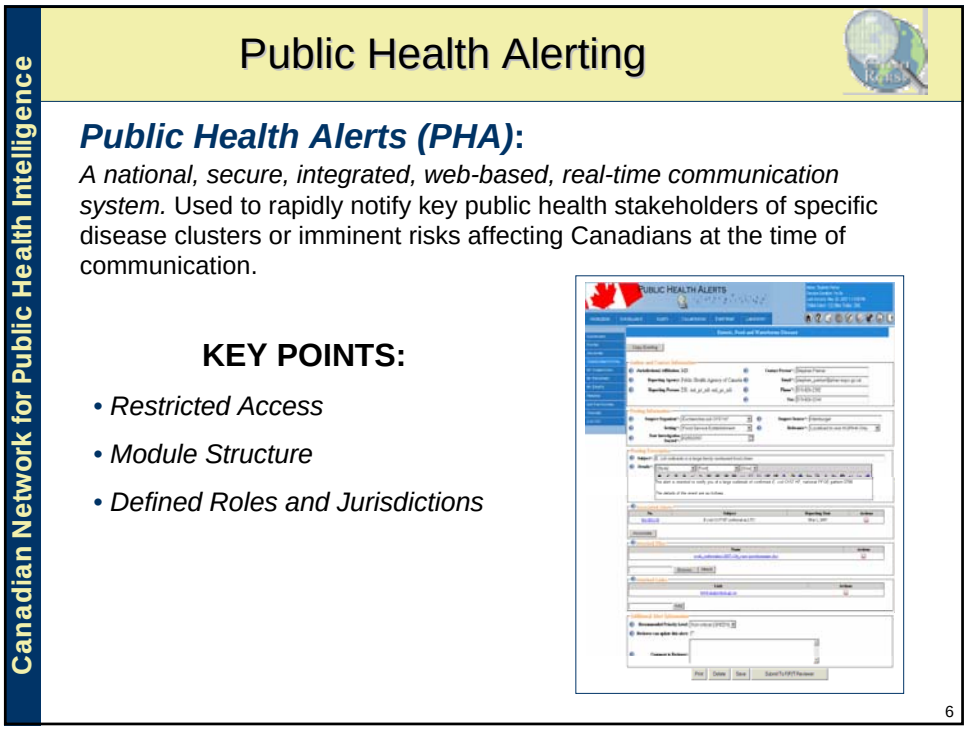

"Putting it All Together": CNPHI - Architecture
Secure, Roll-based Registration System
- Event Management -
Collaboration Centre Resources
Discussion Form
Meeting Scheduler
Documents Manager
Epi-assist
Group Notification
News Board
Knowledge Management Resources
Protocols
References
Training Material
Resources
- Email -
- Fax -
- Phone -
- SMS -
Inter-jurisdictional Case Management
Emergency
Urgent
Important
Non-critical
- Public Health Alerting -
Zoonotic
General
Enteric
Respiratory
Vaccine Safety
Others
- Targeted Surveillance -
Nat'l Enteric Surv. Prg (NESP)
West Nile Virus (WNV)
FluWatch
Canadian Early Warning System (CEWS)
Outbreak Summaries
Drinking Water Advisories
Decision Support Console – query, chart, graph, GIS mapping, export
Inter-jurisdictional Case Management
Epi-Data
Manual Data Entry
Automated Data Coll'n
Epi-Data
P/T Epi
Labs
Schools
Hospitals
O.T.C.
Tele-health
EPH Data
CFIA
EHR
RCMP
Other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Public Health Alerting
Public Health Alerts (PHA):
A national, secure, integrated, web-based, real-time communication system. Used to rapidly notify key public health stakeholders of specific disease clusters or imminent risks affecting Canadians at the time of communication.
KEY POINTS:
• Restricted Access
• Module Structure
• Defined Roles and Jurisdictions
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Public Health Alerting

Restricted Access:

Applicants must be nominated by a Local/Regional, Provincial/Territorial (P/T) or National sponsor and agree to terms of use.

Sponsors are required to authenticate applicants within their respective jurisdictions and are typically individuals at the Health Ministry level (e.g. Provincial Epidemiologist, Medical Officer of Health etc.).

Applicants must be affiliated with an organization having an established mandate and operational need to create and/or receive alerts.

Applicants must be able to fully comprehend the subject matter typically conveyed

A recommendation for granting user access may first have to be vetted by an established working group/committee.

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Modular Structure:

To facilitate information flow and variety of events that may occur, PHA is structurally divided into disease specific **Modules**.

Individual users can be registered to one or more Modules, depending on their operational requirements.

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Defined Roles and Jurisdictions:

Roles refer to the range of actions a user is permitted. The ability to "post" (i.e. generate and submit information for viewing) is restricted by the user role as a mechanism to control quality and flow of information.

Readers: *Can view posted information and supporting documents, receive notifications of new postings and have the ability to read postings within Modules in which they are registered.*

Writers: *In addition to Reader privileges, can submit information within Modules in which they are registered which are forwarded to their corresponding Reviewer for approval prior to posting.*

Reviewers: *In addition to Writer and Reader privileges, they assess all submissions from their jurisdiction prior to posting. This is an added measure to ensure content appropriateness and coordinated communication and response for events affecting more than one jurisdiction.*

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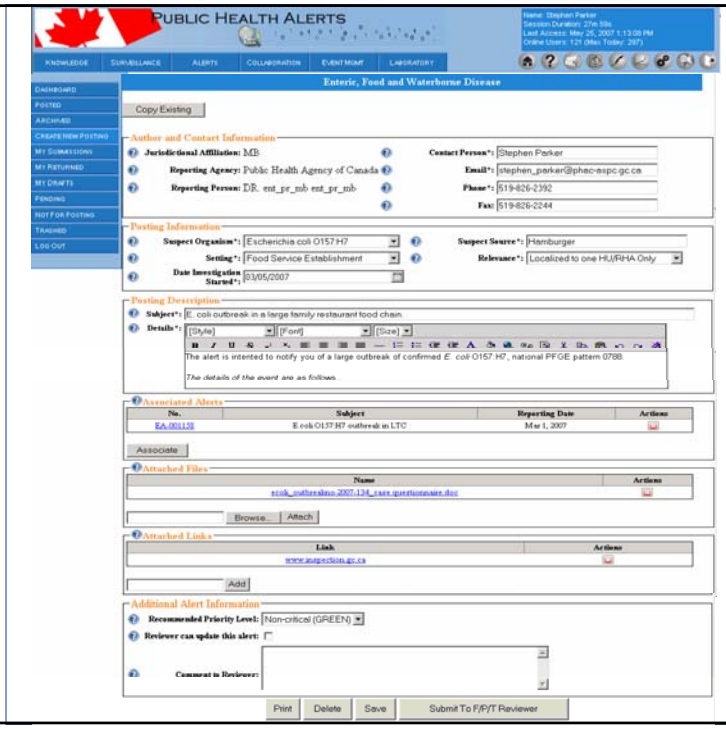
Public Health Alerts – screenshot of a 'draft' alert



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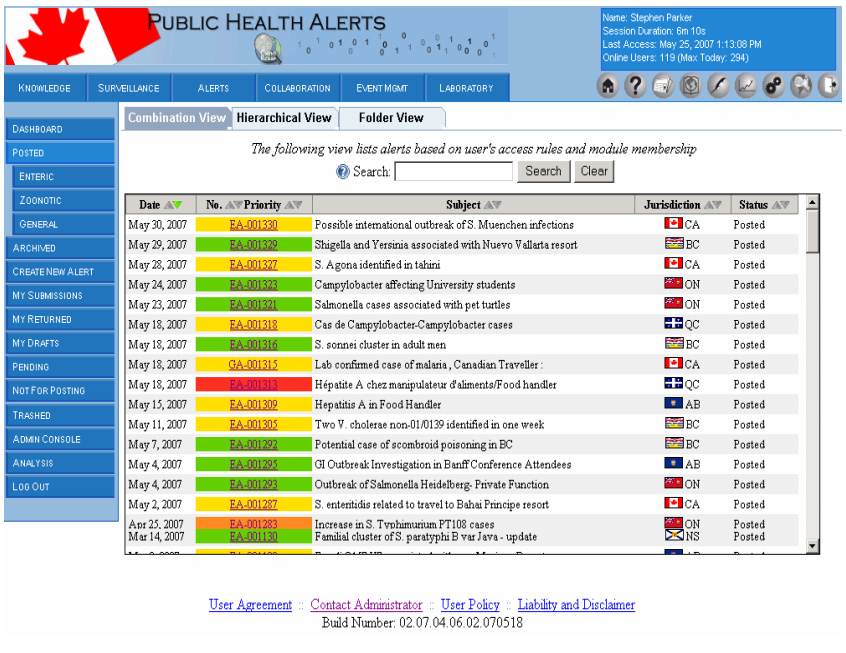
Leveraging Existing Cross-Border Alerting Systems:
As presented by Stephen Parker at the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative Conference, June 15, 2007.

Public Health Alerts – screenshot of posted alert line list



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Public Health Alerts – screenshot of a posted alert

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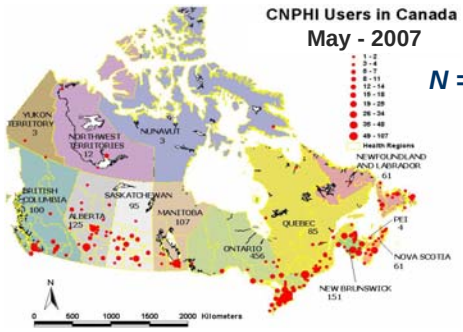
Current Users / Contributors and the Future of CNPHI



***N* = A total of 2272 Registered Users**

Represents <u>100%</u> of all Canada's Health Regions

Future of CNPHI

- Enhancements to existing / future applications
- Expansion outside non-traditional public health community
- Manage competing priorities / timelines
- Support outbreak / Event occurrence
- Integration with internal and external systems

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